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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Kazuhiko ONO *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/050,832

Examiner: Jonathan J. Johnson

Filed: January 18, 2002

Group Art Unit: 1725

For: LASER WELDING METHOD

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 5, 2003

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official action mailed February 5, 2003. The Official action set forth a three-month period for response, making this response due on or before May 5, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as set forth on the following pages. The following amendments are being made in accordance with the "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted," published in the Official Gazette on February 25, 2003, volume 1267, number 4.